

# A Happy Ending To A Sad Life

"Identity Theft: Recovering Who You Are", Part 2  
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"Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb... But when they looked up, they saw the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. 'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.'"  
(Mark 16:2-6, NIV)

## Jesus' Life, Death And Resurrection

### I) JESUS LIVED WITH SORROW TO \_\_RELATE TO\_\_ US.

"[Jesus Christ] was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering."  
(Isaiah 53:3a, NIV)

#### 1) Jesus dealt with \_\_SHALLOW RELATIONSHIPS\_\_.

"At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, 'Are you going to leave, too?'"  
(John 6:66-67, NLT)

#### 2) Jesus dealt with \_\_SUPERFICIAL RELIGION\_\_.

"Jesus replied, 'And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?... These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.'"  
(Matthew 15:3, 8-9, NIV)

#### 3) Jesus dealt with \_\_SINFUL REJECTION\_\_.

"Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled... and they plotted to arrest Jesus in some sly way and kill him."  
(Matthew 26:3-4, NIV)

### II) JESUS DIED WITH JOYFULNESS TO \_\_RECOVER\_\_ US.

"But it was the Lord's good plan to crush him and fill him with grief. Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have a multitude of children, many heirs... And because of what he has experienced, my righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for he will bear all their sins."  
(Isaiah 53:10-11, NLT)

#### 1) Jesus offers us a \_\_LIFE SWAP\_\_: forgiveness of sin.

"Christ died for our sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God."  
(1 Peter 3:18a, NIV)

#### 2) Jesus offers us a \_\_TOTAL MAKEOVER\_\_: righteousness in Him.

"Those who become Christians become brand new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun."  
(2 Corinthians 5:17, NLT)

### III) JESUS ROSE w/POWER SO WE CAN \_\_RECEIVE\_\_ HIM.

"He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification."  
(Romans 4:25, NIV)

"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."  
(John 1:12, NIV)

### \*How To Ensure A Happy Ending To A Sad Life:

#### 1st) Believe Jesus fully paid for your sin by \_\_GRACE ALONE\_\_.

"He saved us, not because of the good things we did, but because of his mercy."  
(Titus 3:5a, NLT)

#### 2nd) Receive Jesus' payment for sin through \_\_FAITH ALONE\_\_.

"For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith.'" (Romans 1:17, NIV)

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.'"  
(John 11:25, NIV)